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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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**Prior Foreign Application(s):**

**Priority Claimed**

GB 9914598.9  
(Number)

United Kingdom  
(Country)

June 22, 1999  
(Day/Month/Year)

X\_ Yes No

GB 9820720.2  
(Number)

United Kingdom  
(Country)

Sept. 24, 1998  
(Day/Month/Year)

X    Yes    No

I hereby claim the benefit of United States priority under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed bellow and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the

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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROCKET MOTOR DISPOSAL**

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

- X** the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
the application identified above.  
the patent identified above.

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